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IMPORTANT DATES

May 7-11	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 10	CPC Meeting
May 15 8:45 am	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
May 17	Last day of pre-school
May 18	Middle School End of Year Party NTCA Night at Roughriders Baseball
May 23	KR & Kinder Graduation (KR 10:00 & K 2:00)
May 25	Last Day/Early Release 2pm Field Day

The Cougar Chronicle

Mrs. Young's Message

Wow! What a great week at NTCA! We have been busy with preparations for Open House and our First Annual Grandperson Breakfast! We had a fantastic turn out for both events.

Gratitude is what comes to my mind as I write this message. Gratitude is letting others know you see how they have helped you. I want to thank you all for your support of our school.

Thank you for:

- Donating to the silent auction
- Attending the spring fundraiser
- Contributing to the Foundation Fund
- Donating to the concessions
- Donating to the Grandperson breakfast
- Participating in the Cougar Pride Committee
- Supporting the faculty and staff
- Praying for the faculty and staff
- Praying for the administrators
- Praying for the Board of Directors
- Spreading the word about NTCA
- Helping recruit new students
- Volunteering – lunchroom, classroom, workroom, library, field trips, special events

I want to take this opportunity to invite all who have volunteered in some way this school year to our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Tuesday, May 15. This is a small way for our faculty and staff to show our thanks to our volunteers. We will send invitations soon.

We love what we do every day and with your support our jobs are made easier. God blesses NTCA, and my prayer is that we continue to do His Will as we provide a Christian education for your children.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

I Thessalonians 5:18

Texas Christian Schools Interscholastic Tournament

We are so proud of the students who went to the Texas Interscholastic Christian Schools Tournament in Abilene on April 12th-14th. Justin Kirkconnell, Garrett Kirkconnell, Dezri Cristina, Mark Haaland, and Sara Zimmerman all did very well in their events, and there was heavy competition against the other schools who participated. We were very excited for the two students who placed, and extremely proud of all the students for their efforts at the meet. Mark Haaland placed 4th in Bible Knowledge, and Sara Zimmerman placed 3rd in Ready Writing. We would also like to thank the parents who went with us, and the parents who helped the students study at home before the meet. Great job everyone!



Spring Classic is a Success

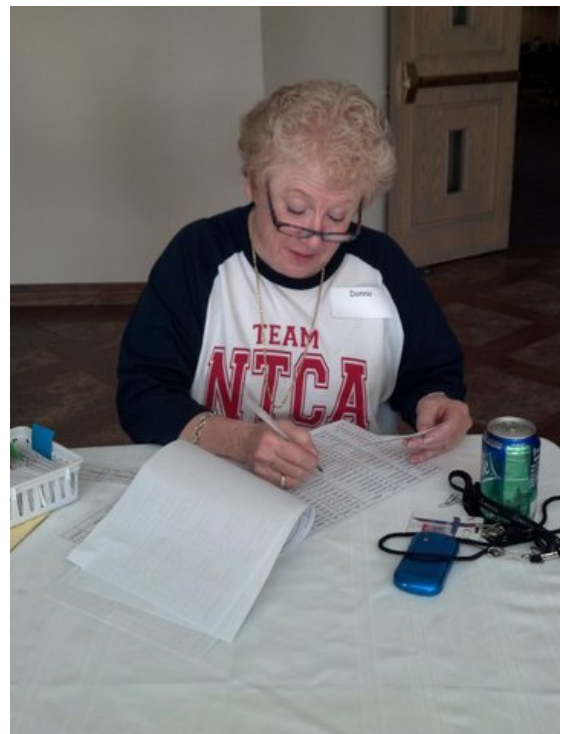
Months of planning and preparation work were rewarded by an impressive total of \$21,137 raised for the school! The silent auction, filled with donated products and services, as well as artwork from the students, garnered a lot of passionate bidding. The guests enjoyed dinner and socializing at the nicely decorated tables. Many were seen heading back to the auction room to check on their bids. Jim Morris spoke, bringing a message of dream-breakers, dream-makers, and God's centrality in our lives. He inspired the crowd through his candor and wonderful message. Door prizes followed, with several autographed baseballs going out to appreciative winners.

A big Thank You to the sponsors:

Frozen Ropes
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 Nothing Bundt Cakes
 Insurance Services Agency
 Bill Joplin's Compressor Services, Inc.
 The Milstead Team, Keller Williams Realty
 Phil & Nancy Prosser
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 Harding Alumni Association
 Lubbock Christian University Alumni Association
 Qwik Wash
 American National Bank
 Mike Simmons Photography



Everyone was involved in bidding on the auction items



Mrs. Donna Jones, along with other volunteers, kept check in running smoothly

It was hard to choose what to bid upon. Each class, the teachers, and area businesses and organizations contributed wonderful donations.

A Grand Event

On April 26, NTCA honored grandparents and other "Grand" people in the lives of our students with a breakfast, followed by classroom visits. Over 200 guests, students, and teachers attended this special event.



Bike Days in PE

Students brought their bikes and scooters for several days of fun and instruction. Students learned and practiced the hand signals for turns as well as riding thru a cone course.



In the Classrooms

Kindergarten Readiness is working very hard in our Reading books. We have a lot of friends reading words! Yay!! We are finishing up our big Earth unit. We will be graduating from KR on May 23 at 10:00 am.

Kindergarten

In April we had fun learning about recycling for our Earth and we even made a recycled creation from all the boxes, bottles, lids, and other items that we brought from home. We have also been working so hard on our reading and getting ready for that big step into first grade! In math we had fun learning 3d shapes.



First Grade has been very busy learning about time and money in math class. We have also been studying about Texas and cowboys in social studies. We are very excited about our upcoming field trip to Seven Trails Ranch. Here we will be learning about horses, saddles, and the cowboy way of life. It's going to be a fun time for all of us!

Second Graders learned about the three branches of government this past month. Now, each student is researching an American president and will soon be writing reports. We have been doing reader's theater and will be presenting each of four stories on Friday for our own class. In math, we are learning about fractions using food, balloons, and flags. We are using balls of clay as the example for mixed numbers. In science, we have been learning about different kinds of forces and motion. Now that we have taken notes on these things, we will begin several experimental centers and deciding what kind of motion each center demonstrates. We have created a class list of questions about motion and we will try to answer these through study and exploration. May is a month of wonderful learning activities!

Fourth Grade has had two great field trips for the end of the school year. Our trip to Dallas Heritage Village took us back in time to see what life was like in Texas 100 years ago. We saw chickens, donkeys, horses, and more! There was a one-room school that made us

appreciate NTCA. Our trip to the ranch on the 4th of May made us think what it was like in those cattle drive days, and for all the early Texans that made their living working on ranches! Getting to experience the real horses, saddles, and everything ranch was awesome!

We are finishing our Night of the Twister novel, and researching other natural disasters. We are learning about survival and how to lean on God as we go through tough times! Our math has had us working with large numbers to subtract, multiply and divide. We will end the year with some time and speed graphs that are new to us. We are learning about all levels of government this month! We will explore what each level of government does for us and how they help fill our needs and protect us.

Middle School Math

The 5th grade students are wrapping up a unit on decimals and how they relate to fractions and percents. They will begin investigating probability and graphing concepts.

The 6th grade students are going to be investigating how the formulas for perimeter and area of a circle were developed. Then they will be looking at the difference between experimental and theoretical probability.

The 7th grade students are exploring how to solve math operations with integers. They also will be investigating number patterns in proportions when we "stretch" and "shrink" objects.

The 8th grade students have been applying statistic concepts to create box and whisker plots and then use the information to analyze a set of data. They will investigate how to collect a random sample that accurately represents a population and how to use that sample to draw conclusions.

Language Arts

Students were very excited about the projects they made for open house. Fifth grade worked extra hard on their biography presentations. Sixth grade worked hard on learning about the 1930's through discussions on their class blog. They have been reading the book, Bud, Not Buddy and really understanding how hard it was to grow up during the depression. Seventh grade created a power point autobiography to really show who they are and where they came from, and eighth grade worked hard on creating a lesson with language, vocabulary, reading, and writing skills with the book, Summer of the Monkeys. It has been a challenge, but they have learned a lot. They have all taken ownership of their own learning. I am so proud of them.

Cougars of the Month



February: Trinity Cristina

Trinity is an awesome student to have in class. She works diligently to always do her best at all of her work and completes it all in a timely manner. She has also become a rock star in our math class. But even more importantly, I can say that Trinity is such a great citizen and Christian classmate. She is thoughtful of her classmates, she is caring and kind. This child LOVES animals! She is very tenderhearted and truly loves God with all her heart! She shows a Christian attitude to all of her classmates daily!



March: Masyn Hoke

Masyn Hoke received the Cougar of the Month award for March. Conviction was the virtue of the month for March, and Masyn demonstrates conviction on a daily basis. She is often standing for what is right even when others don't. Congratulations Masyn for this great honor!

Students of the Week

March Virtue:
Conviction

April Virtue:
Hope

March 19th	March 26th	April 2nd	April 9th	April 16th
Thomas Klovstad	Daniela Morales	Lucille Ranney	Daniela Morales	Morgan Pettway
Masyn Hoke	Dylan Ndoko	Zaria Dexter	Coleman Hicks	Masyn Hoke
Averi Carlson	Bradey Zimmerman	Hayden Winstead	Elisa Chacon	Bailey Foster
Jodee Newland	Bradley Wolgamott	Rex Dooley	Cora Brewer	Trinity Cristina
Gregory Newland	Gregory Newland	Peter Evans	Haylee Winstead	Dezri Cristina
Peyton Humphrey	Jasmine Grissom	Shay Frieling	Kalin Carlson	Caleb Matthews
Dayten Nuttall	Kyle Kirkconnell	Nolan McCauley	Brooks Nelson	Will Allan



North Texas Christian Academy
Night Out with the Frisco RoughRiders
Friday, May 18th @7pm



Tickets are only \$20
and include:

- Limited Edition RoughRiders Hat
- Seat in the home plate section
- PlayBall! Game Program
- All you can eat hot dogs, brats, nachos, and unlimited Dr Pepper products for 2 hours.
- Fireworks show after the game



Deadline to order is Friday, May 11th

Don't be left out of the line-up!

Order your tickets today!!

Quantities are limited!!!

For more information contact the school office at 214-544-1794.

Return your order form to the school office by Friday, May 11th.

Contact Name: _____

(Tickets will be held at will call for pick up. Please provide the name of the person who will pick up.)

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ **X \$ 20.00 =** _____

Check #: _____ **Make checks payable to NTCA**



Fourth, seventh, and eighth grades took a field trip to the Dallas Heritage Museum on April 27th

End of Year Party Set for Middle School

Middle school students and families pulled together to raise over \$450 for their end of year party by handling the concessions for the recent Coin Club show. The party will celebrate the eighth grade students moving into high school, and the end of the year for the upper school students.

The classes will be heading to Allen for a day of fun on Friday, May 18th. First stop will be the Villages at Fairview for a little "beach" time. The students will have a blast playing sand volleyball. Then, the group will head over to the Villages at Allen for lunch. Students will be able to choose among several restaurants, with a teacher chaperone accompanying each group. From there, swimming at the Allen Natatorium will be the last leg of our adventure. It will be a fun day for the middle school students.

Volunteers Needed

Thank you to Jules Ellis and Marie Hoke for volunteering to create the NTCA float for the December Rotary Club parade in McKinney! We also already have a volunteer to build it. We will need help with this project!

Please contact Mrs. Young.

Cub's Corner

Theme: Mother's Day, and Water and Rainbows

Biblical Theme: I Obey my Parents, Ephesians 6:1
"Children, obey
your parents."

Letters:
O Q Z

Numbers: 14-20

Colors: blue and
indigo

Shapes: hexagon



May 17th is our last day of Preschool. We have enjoyed each of your children this year! They have truly been a blessing to us. If you haven't registered for next fall, we hope you will! We'd love to see everyone back in September.

MAY VIRTUE AND VERSE

Virtue: Responsibility
**Showing you can be trusted with
what's expected of you.**

Verse:
**Luke 16:10 Whoever can be
trusted with very little can also
be trusted with much.**

4-H News

Thank you to Garrett Kirkconnell for an awesome presentation on the hobby of collecting! He brought a large selection of his hockey memorabilia including autographed pucks, jerseys, cards, sticks & more. We all learned a lot about how to start collecting, how to store your collections, & what to look for in collecting. Way to go, Garrett, on doing such a great job!

Make sure to take a look at the flower beds inside the horseshoe in front of the school. The 4-H group planted drought resistant flowers for the summer, weeded, and trimmed trees as part of their beautification project. They are hard workers & very helpful in getting everything looking so nice!! Thanks a million!!

The next 4-H meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 3:30. This will be our last meeting of the school year. We will be electing 4-H officers for the 2012-2013 school at this meeting. Many thanks to Garrett & Justin Kirkconnell & Sara Zimmerman for serving as President, Vice President, & Secretary. You guys have done a great job!! Thank you for your leadership.



May Lunchroom Volunteers

Thanks to all Volunteers for your service this year!

Please contact Rachel Keller to volunteer in the lunchroom.

Rachel's email address is: racheltkeller@gmail.com & cell phone is: [469-667-4007](tel:469-667-4007)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
7 <i>Tina Tennison</i> <i>Jeff Sawyer</i>	8 <i>Colleen Haaland</i> <i>Rachel Keller</i>	9 <i>Sigrid Blandon</i> <i>Jennifer Ranney</i>	10 <i>Rebecca Castro</i> <i>Holly Milstead</i>	11 <i>Teresa Shaw</i> <i>Ken Dunlap</i>
14 <i>Kelly Chacon</i> <i>Jennifer Ranney</i>	15 <i>Colleen Haaland</i> <i>Rachel Keller</i>	16 <i>Allen Keller</i> <i>Tammy Zimmerman</i>	17 <i>Rachel Keller</i> <i>Colleen Haaland</i>	18 <i>Sharon Dunlap</i> <i>Nathan Wilson</i>
21 <i>Tina Tennison</i> <i>Jeff Sawyer</i>	22 <i>Colleen Haaland</i> <i>Rachel Keller</i>	23 <i>Sigrid Blandon</i> <i>Anndria Wilson</i>	24 <i>Holly Milstead</i> <i>Kelly Chacon</i>	25 <i>Teresa Shaw</i> <i>Ken Dunlap</i> <i>*LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!*</i>



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Love, Learn, Live

We **love** God and our relationship with Him.

We **learn** so that we can be better at whatever God has planned for us.

We **live** our lives, sharing our faith and knowledge with others.

Help Earn Money for NTCA!

- ⇒ Scan your Albertsons Community Partners card when shopping
- ⇒ TURN IN your "Box Tops for Education" codes from products, and Capri Sun pouches

Mission Statement

NTCA is committed to preparing students for life and faith through a superior spiritual, scholastic and social experience.



Here is a puzzle for all you smart math students.

On which day was this picture taken?